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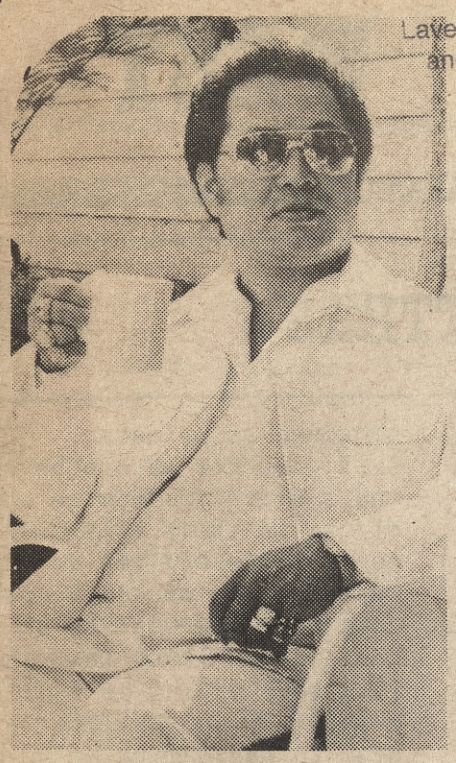

FLASH!

Jesse and Lynn will host the First Annual PATLAR GAZETTE Costume Ball. Chuck Thornly, Grand Duke of Sacramento, will provide entertainment, featuring Rocky, Wayne, and Lady Amazon, from Modesto.

Jesse, who hails from Hawaii but now lives in Sacramento and Stockton, has had lots of experience with charity balls, luau parties, and the like. Remember Jesse's Luau Birthday Party at the Parking Lot a couple of months ago? A smashing success, and PG's Costume Ball promises to be even better.

The details are: The party's on October 23 (Saturday), at 7:30, at the Club 21 in Sacramento. It's three bucks at the door.

Jesse and Lynn's next shindig will be their own anniversary party, to be held in the near future at the Club 21, with everybody invited. Jesse and Lynn have been together for about eight months now, so it shouldn't be too far off.

PATLAR GAZETTE

VOICE OF THE GAY WEST

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GAY POLITICS MARCH FORWARD

The upcoming November elections have spurred another of America's political awakenings. Economic woes have called the conservative agenda into question and promise gains for liberal forces. The Gay community has taken advantage of the changing mood to advance its own agenda in the courts, the legislatures, and its own house.

A sweeping decision by Judge Jerry Buchmeyer made Texas the 26th state to legalize gay sex. The Judge ruled not just on the rights to privacy and equal protection, but on the area of homosexuality itself, giving the plaintiff, Don Baker, President of the Dallas Gay Alliance, nearly everything he had asked for.

Larry Berner of Healdsberg, California, won a $10,000 out-of-court settlement from former California State Senator John Briggs. Briggs, in his statewide 1978 campaign to fire gay teachers, had frequently referred to Berner as someone who shouldn't be allowed to teach. Commented Berner, "Going through the legal process is so tedious and frustrating, I feel really good to have it over and to have won." Briggs' Proposition 6 had already been defeated by a 5-3 margin.

Arnie Scuillo won a similar court settlement against Maui Community college. His reaction--"Hopefully no one else will have to go through this again with the State of Hawaii. Only a gay-rights bill can secure that for us."

The Courts have issued a series of favorable decisions; and they do, in theory, administer justice rather than politics. There are, however, lots of problems.

First, they are not predictable. The same court system that forces Coca-Cola to persecute Mom-'n-Pop stores who serve Pepsi to someone who orders Coke managed to permit the U.S. Olympic Committee to deny the use of the word "Olympic" to the organizers of the Gay Olympic Games. Not only does the IOC refuse to regulate the use of the name, it has taken the USOC to task for using the international trademark.

Second, the courts are long and expensive. The Dallas case cost $30,000 and three years. Berner filed suit in 1978 and Scuillo in 1977. All three plaintiffs were at least as glad that the mess was over as they were about winning.

(See March p. 19.)

WOMEN'S CENTER OPENS SPERM BANK

The Oakland Feminist Women's Health Center, 2930 McClure Street, has opened a sperm bank. The sperm bank is being provided in response to lesbians and other single women who want to have children in a non-traditional manner.

The clinic administrator, Barbara Raboy, expressed the hope that the center obtains enough specimens to begin the artificial insemination program in the next few months. In addition to lesbians, the center will provide help to couples experiencing fertility problems, men undergoing vasectomies and single women.

About 15,000 to 20,000 children are born in the United States each year through artificial insemination. Donors at the Oakland sperm bank will be paid from $1 to $25 on a sliding scale for semen specimens. Variety in the gene pool will be ensured. Recipients will be charged an estimated fee of $50.00 per insemination.

A catalog will contain the details on each donor with everything from a man's eye color to his educational background and medical history. Although there are several sperm banks in Southern California, the Oakland facility is believed by its organizers to be the only one in the Bay Area. Although the recipients will undergo gynecological examinations and take a fertilization course, there will be no attempt to restrict those who get inseminations.

Shootin Sally Sez:

NEVER DOUBT YOUR TALENTS!

A Sacramento woman anxiously asked Larry Lanham, "Do you know how to bring up a child?" And when he replied, "I sure do," she said, "Hurry over here, then; mine is at the bottom of the well!" In the viewpoint of Ernie Brown, the best place to look for a helping hand, if you're in a rush, is at the end of your arm.

VOICE OF THE GAY WEST

EDITORIAL

In previous editorials this paper has discussed our perceived needs for the gay community to develop an infrastructure. In future editorials we will continue to develop this theme. We firmly believe that gay women and men must identify and elevate concerns about moral and ethical value systems to the collective gay consciousness for thought, reflection, and evolutionary action.

However, we believe there is also a need to impact the existant political structure. The gay community must ensure that the rights of its members are protected through its legislative process. The simple fact is that gay women and men are a minority in American society and need protection.

An example of the need of gay women and men for statutory protection is a recent episode involving the Salvation Army in Chicago. A gay social club called the Chicago Knights Motorcycle Club attempted to make a donation of $1500 to the Salvation Army. The donation was rejected.

Moreover, the self-styled Moral Majority does not hesitate to use the political system to strengthen its position. Recently, the group attempted to attract one million new voters to the Moral Majority and to register two hundred thousand new voters in California.

The gay community can use political action committees, or PACs to channel campaign money to sympathetic politicians. Although originally associated with labor unions, in the past ten years PACs have been established by corporations, trade associations, and ideological or issue-oriented groups to further their respective political interests.

In 1974, there were only 608 Federal PACs which contributed $12.5 million to candidates for the U. S. Congress; just six years later, in 1980 there were 2,551 PACs and their contributions to congressional candidates totaled $55.2 million. This year, the number of PACs has passed 3,100 and it has been projected that they will contribute some $75-80 million to Federal candidates. CBS News Anchorman Dan Rather has described PACs as "the most powerful and controversial force in American politics."

The huge increase in the number of groups and interests establishing PACs and the concomitant increase in dollars contributed through them is a testament to the view that politicians "hear you better" when you give to their campaigns. As one Representative put it, "If he (the Representative) knows you aren't politically active, he may be polite to you, but if you really want to see him perk up and be interested in what you say, let him know you represent a political action committee that is going to be active in the next election."

In the gay and lesbian community, MECLA (the Municipal Elections Committee of Los Angeles) pioneered the development of PACs. Their tremendous fundraising successes have brought solid progress for our community--the appointment of openly gay and lesbian judges and enactment of a strong local non-discrimination ordinance, to name a few examples. Their recent dinner had well over 1,000 people attending--including every member of the Los Angeles City Council, Mayor Bradley, Governor Brown, and Senator Kennedy.

A political action committee can play a vital role in the critical process of coalition-building. Although many gay women and men like to think in terms of "truth," "justice," "good folks and bad folks," the simple fact is that the most effective coalition-building is that which is based on mutual self-interest. When other public interest groups are aware of a PAC that supports gay goals, responsiveness and support are dramatically increased.

We gay women and men should endeavor to raise up some PACs in the months ahead. This will permit us to effectively impact the political process.

LETTERS

Dear Editor:

Now that the GAY VOTE '82 registration drive has been completed, we would like to personally thank everyone who helped make the project a success.

To all the volunteers who put time and energy into GAY VOTE '82, your belief in the project enabled us, as a communtiy, to continue our efforts.

The media coverage from the publications in the Gay and Lesbian community helped create the proper energy.

The Sacramento Gay and Lesbian community has much to be proud of. Political clout is within the reach of our communtiy. To ensure this clout, it is up to each one of us to make our voices heard on November 2nd. Please take the time to use the power Sacramento has. VOTE!!

Sincerely,
Kathy Gage
Carole Thompson
Coordinators
GAY VOTE '82

Dear Editor:

I am a fervent reader of the PATLAR GAZETTE and find the information you print very useful. Your article on religion that appeared in August, written by Mr. Carl Goebel, was very helpful in settling a problem. I hope we can find more articles on religion in your paper; it has helped those of us who are religious to be more open about our personal selves.

I am a priest in the American Greek Orthodox Catholic Church. I am gay and have been out since age 13. I had a gay marriage for 21 years until my lover passed away nine months ago. My local bishop is very open to gays and has given me his blessings in a ministry for gays; he has also given me the power to ordain deacons, male or female, on a trial basis.

I would like to share a further thought here concerning the role of women in the church. If we look into the Bible, we can see women playing a very important role in God's work. I strongly support women to be ordained as priests.

I wish for my brothers and sisters in Reno to stand strong in their religious convictions and not to waiver. They should be proud that they are gay Christians; Jesus loves them just like they are. I as a priest welcome those who live in Reno to stand with me on our gay Christian heritage; let us form a Gay Christian Community that cannot be shaken by those who commend us to hell.

Because I am fairly new to Reno, I really don't know too many people in the Reno area. Yours in Gay Pride,

Father Charles (Reno)

Dear Editor:

With the November 2nd election upon us, the Sacramento Gay and Lesbian community has the opportunity to make a visible impact as to the outcome of one very important race. That is the Sacramento County Sheriff's race.

This election is our opportunity to unseat a sheriff who has openly made statements against our community. His own actions have proved he sees gays and lesbians as less than human.

Duane Lowe has said, "Absolutely, unequivocally, under no circumstances ever will I hire one (gay) unless ordered by the Supreme Court--because that's just how far I would take it."

"If ever I had to call for the services of a policeman, I wouldn't expect the sheriff or the police chief to send out a queer."

On September 8th, 1982, at the VFW Hall during a debate between Duane Lowe and Robbie Waters, a question was asked in regard to the Gay community. Again Lowe reinforced his homophobic attitudes. He made accusations of Robbie Waters courting the Gay vote. Waters responded by saying, "They are citizens like anyone. I'm courting every voter in the county, whatever their sexual preference."

It is time that Sacramento has responsible and fairminded leadership in the sheriff's department. Your vote for Robbie Waters on November 2nd will help create that change. Be responsible for your future.

Kathy Gage
Carole Thompson
Committee to elect
Robbie Waters

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POLITICS

LESSER OF TWO EVILS

by Ellen McCord

Do you vote? How do you feel when you do so? Have you ever wondered how it would feel if you couldn't vote?

Very often in years past, I have spent the three months prior to election day fighting the irritation I feel about the many glossy pamphlets, obnoxious television commercials, telephone calls from volunteers, and the never-ending barrage of lawn signs, pasted handbills, and billboards screaming candidates' names at me. One year I decided to vote for those persons whose names I had not heard or seen. My rationale was that these were the folks who had the least amount of money to pump into the propoganda machine that manipulates the way the majority votes.

I didn't take my right to vote seriously. I felt I had no real basis to judge a candidate's potential performance. Most often my vote was against someone I thought was a jerk, for whatever reason.

In the past two years, my attitude toward the power of my individual vote has changed.

The emphatic pulpit polititions such as Jerry Falwell, have prostituted the fear of eternal damnation in order to manipulate a large mass of votes. The people who follow this fundamentalist Pied Piper forget the principles of the U.S. Constitution and, in fact, often militate against its protection of individual rights and freedoms.

It is this trend that now affects the way I view my one vote. This new shove to the right that our democratic political system is taking is a polarizing force. As such, it brings out the closet bigots, who, during the sixties and seventies, crouched under their wire hangers, waiting for the civil-rights era to pass.

The ugliness of this bigotry has come out in a new way, however. Attached to the notion of mass-produced "Christian morality" is the idea of legislating it. Great fear rules many of the meek prople of this country who truly believe that their Bibles hold the answers. Their anger at what they perceive as decay finds outlet in political action. The bigots come out of their closets, throw on their conservative cloaks, and the new Christian Right is on the move.

Fortunately, for lesbians and gay people, we are not the only ones upon whom the attacks are levied. The new "moral" right would prefer that we not have access to pornography, abortions, or each other's bodies (except for under their conditions.) They would have us remove such books as The Catcher In The Rye, 1984, and Grapes Of Wrath from our public libraries. I say, "Thank God or the First Amendment."

An historical perspective helps expand this picture window on the political horizon. Adolph Hitler gained power in Germany by a series of political manipulations and was never properly elected (affirmed after taking office, but not elected.) His first official act was to set the German Constitution aside and declare his laws to be the "law of the land."

Whether something like this could ever happen in this country is questionable given our check-and-balance system of three branches of government. However, the bigots are on the loose and there is probably some crazy out there who is trying to jockey himself into an absolute dictatorship. We need to be most aware of this at election time.

Fortunately, these anti-constitutional-Bible-thump-

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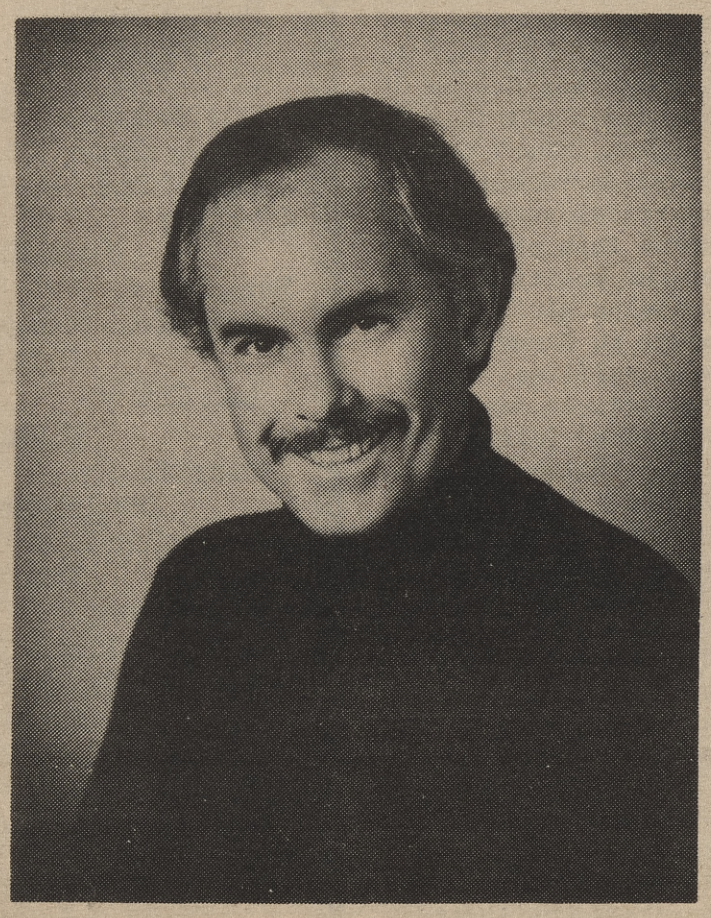


Brian Gardner

Brian Gardner, a widely known opera singer now residing in Sacramento, will star October 29 and 31 in the Sacramento Opera Association's production of Carmen. Mr. Gardner, a baritone, will sing the role of Escamillo. He first appeared with the SOA last year when he sang the starring role of Marcello in La Boheme.

Mr. Gardner, whose operatic repertoire includes more than two dozen leading roles, has appeared with opera companies and symphony orchestras throughout the western United States. He also teaches voice privately in Sacramento.

Gwendolyn Jones, internationally known operatic artist from New York, will sing the title role. Other members of the cast, most of whom have been drawn from local talent include Lani Norskog as Micaela, Jon Fay as Don Jose, Gregory Newton as Zuniga, Cameron Henley as Morales, Jeannette Montineri as Frasquita, Susan Maclean Klumpp as Mercedes, George Buckbee as El Dancairo, and Jack Preiss as El Remendado. The Sacramento Symphony will also be featured in the production.

Tickets for Carmen which will be performed at the Community Center Theater are priced between $7.50 and $18.00.

Lani Norskog

RELIGION

By Paul Trisler

Traditional churches attack homosexuality on moral grounds. The claim, based on certain Scriptural references, is that homosexuality is immoral. But scripture cannot be taken out of context--it is culturally and historically limited. One must be concerned with what the biblical authors had in mind when the Scriptures were written. This column will begin a series of articles dealing with those Scriptural passages used by such people as the Moral Majority in condemning our lifestyle.

The primary Scriptural source used to condemn homosexuality is the Sodom and Gomorrah story in Genesis 19:4-11. It has been traditional to believe that Sodom and Gomorrah were destroyed because the residents engaged in homosexual practices. Under close scrutiny, however, this interpretation is not necessarily supported.

The author of the Genesis account tells us that the Sodomites demanded Lot's visitors be brought out of his home so that "we may know them." The Hebrew term used here for the verb "to know" is yādhá, which can mean "to engage in coitus." In his book "Homosexuality and the Western Christian Tradition," D. Sherwin Bailey argues that this is not necessarily the meaning of the word yādhá in this passage. Of the 943 times this term is used in the Old Testament, only 10 times (besides this passage and its derivative in Judges 19:22) is it used without qualification to denote coitus. Moreover, it is always used to indicate heterosexual coitus. The term "shākhabh" was normally used to indicate homosexual coitus.

What, then, was the nature of the wickedness that caused the destruction of Sodom and Gomorrah? There is considerable evidence that inhospitality to strangers was the problem. For example, Wisdom 19:13-14 (a Deuterocanonical book) clearly states that the sin was inhospitality: "the men of Sodom received not the strangers when they came among them..." Ezekiel 16:49-50 reads: "Behold, this was the sin of your sister Sodom: she and her daughters lived in pride, plenty, and thoughtless ease; they supported not the poor and needy; they grew haughty, and committed abomination before me; so I swept them away, as you have seen."

It is not until the later writers of 2 Peter and Jude in the New Testament that we see a connection of a sexual nature with the sins of the two cities.

Cross references are very common in the Bible when an author wishes to support certain statements. But the reader will notice that reference is made to Sodom and Gomorrah elsewhere in the Scripture when the author wants to point out the sinfulness of inhospitality, injustice, indifference, pride, etc., but never in any of the biblical texts where homosexuality is supposedly condemned.

MAN TWO MAN TALK

Man Two Man is a club for men who want to meet each other. Guys who want a change from the 6 B's (bars, baths, bushes, beaches, bathrooms, and Bay City) use the group to meet new friends.

The next month's schedule appears below. The men have recently gone gold panning and glider flying, and continue to schedule interesting events. Movies at Home has been growing in popularity--they show, ah, short subjects after the main feature.

The club is a non-profit organization. Non-members are welcomed (as in "Boy oh Boy"), but a collection is taken. The mind wanders. For more information, call Jim at (916) 391-9755.

OCTOBER

20	WED	SOCIAL: POTLUCK DINNER
25	MON	MOVIES AT HOME (BRING MUNCHIES)
27	WED	SOCIAL: DISCUSSION--WHAT SHOULD WE KNOW ABOUT YOU?

NOVEMBER

3	WED	SOCIAL: GUEST SPEAKER
10	WED	SOCIAL: DISCUSSION-- HOW DO YOU SPEND YOUR TIME?
17	WED	SOCIAL: THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER
21	SUN	SPECIAL EVENT: ANNUAL THANKSGIVING POTLUCK DINNER AT CALAVERAS BIG TREES
22	MON	MOVIES AT HOME (BRING MUNCHIES)
24	WED	SOCIAL: OPEN NIGHT

CROSSROADS OF THE WEST

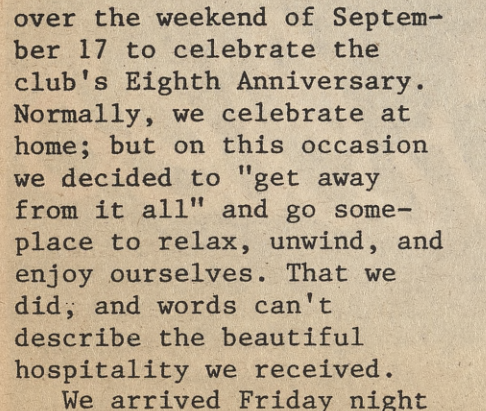
RENO

The Knights of Malta of Reno made way to Clearlake over the weekend of September 17 to celebrate the club's Eighth Anniversary. Normally, we celebrate at home; but on this occasion we decided to "get away from it all" and go someplace to relax, unwind, and enjoy ourselves. That we did, and words can't describe the beautiful hospitality we received.

We arrived Friday night in the rain, but woke up Saturday morning with the sun shining on a beautiful weekend.

Saturday evening we threw a cocktail party for all the residents of Clearlake, which was followed by dinner prepared by Lou McLean and served at the Cabaret Lounge.

Partying continued the rest of the evening. A few unsober speeches were made and a "Thank You" plaque was presented to the owners of the Cabaret. The Knights of Malta members and our guests want to thank the owners and bartenders of the Cabaret and the townspeople of Clearlake for one real special weekend. They will see more of us in time to come.



The High Sierras M.C. celebrated their anniversary and Oktoberfest the weekend of October 1-3. It was a fun weekend starting with a show at the Imagine That with Empress Billy and Emperor Doug of Sacramento performing throughout. Parties and brunches were held at the Outback and Club 99. The weekend concluded with an awards party at the Club 99 and a private brunch for members of the High Sierras, guests, and friends. Congratulations High Sierras on another great anniversary!

Effective October 3, 1982, the Outback Lounge became the home bar of the Knights of Malta, Western Chapter, and the High Sierras M.C. Watch for many fun things to start happening at the Outback Lounge including special club nights and fun events.

The Chute 1 first opened in February, 1980. The Saddle Room (downstairs bar) the following year. The Chute 1 is a dance and cruise bar. The Saddle Room is more of a western-leather-type bar with a pool table and continuous slides of events in Reno, with added surprises from time to time. The Chute Shop is located downstairs in the Saddle Room and is attended by Bill Sloan. A variety of goods, wares, and greeting cards are sold there. The bars cater to all types of people. The Chute 1 and Saddle Room are managed by Jack Weddle with bartenders (full time): Keith, Jack, John (Hilton), Patrick, and Joe Garcia; (part-time): John (Dickson), Jeff, Lewis, Chris, and Galen. All are friendly, attractive, and courteous. Stop in and say "hi."

The Chute has a lot of fun events coming in the next few months including:

October	
22	Nuts & Bolts Party 10:00 PM
29-31	Holloween Weekend (Something different every night)
NOVEMBER	
	4th Strip Contest (date to be set)
14	All Scorpio's Birthday Party - 5:00 PM
19	Skiers Party & Swap Meet (or meat) 7:00 PM
25	Thanksgiving Day specials (Wild Turkey)

JANUARY
Planned: A weekend in a tropical paradise (Tropical Nights Weekend) Lots of warm, beautiful scenery and tanned bodies.

The Saddle Room has the following to offer:

October - Saturday nights are leather nights.
November - Uniform Night, Western Night, Movie Night, and Mr. Leather Contest #2.

As you see, a lot happens at the Chute 1 and Saddle Room. Next time in Reno, try it; you'll like it.

STOCKTON

THE DRIFTER

By Bob Lipe

M.C.C. Stockton has just returned from their spiritual weekend campout at Caswell State Park. Saturday October 16 saw workshops, worship, and a barbeque. Sunday services were held at Caswell with M.C.C. Modesto. The Rev. Austine Amerine was the guest speaker. M.C.C. Stockton continues to meet Sundays at 10 AM at 30 S. San Joaquin St.

If there's anyone who hasn't heard, Willie's isn't Willie's anymore. The renovation has been completed with a new name, PARADISE. Fortunately, the good angels, John, Ricco, and Chris haven't changed.

The Imperial Pearl Court is gearing up for the January 15 Coronation (already.) The theme is to be "America, Then and Now." Watch for details.

H.I.M. Emporer IX Dee, semper agustus, reported disappointment at the Tight Jeans Contest. A fun night, but a little less than $100 was divided between the Kaposi's Sarcoma Foundation and the Heart and Lung Association. This reporter took a look at the ticket prices ($12 advance, $15 at the door) and thought of a connection. It's a good dinner, and they're good causes--but it ain't cheap, either.

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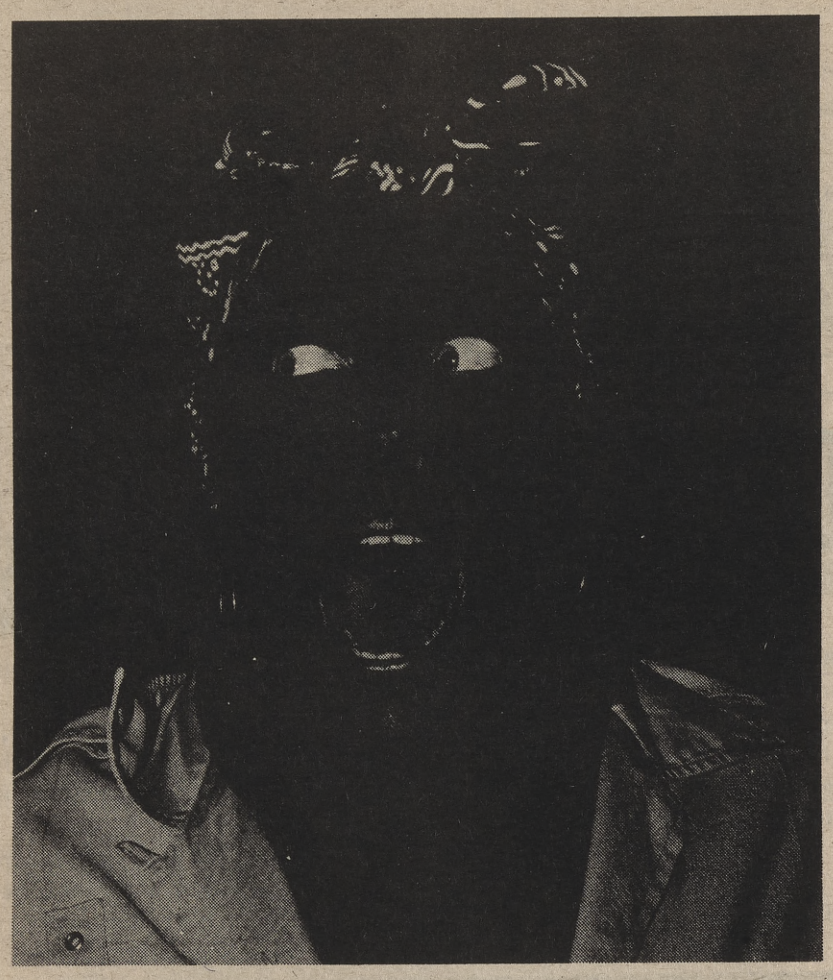

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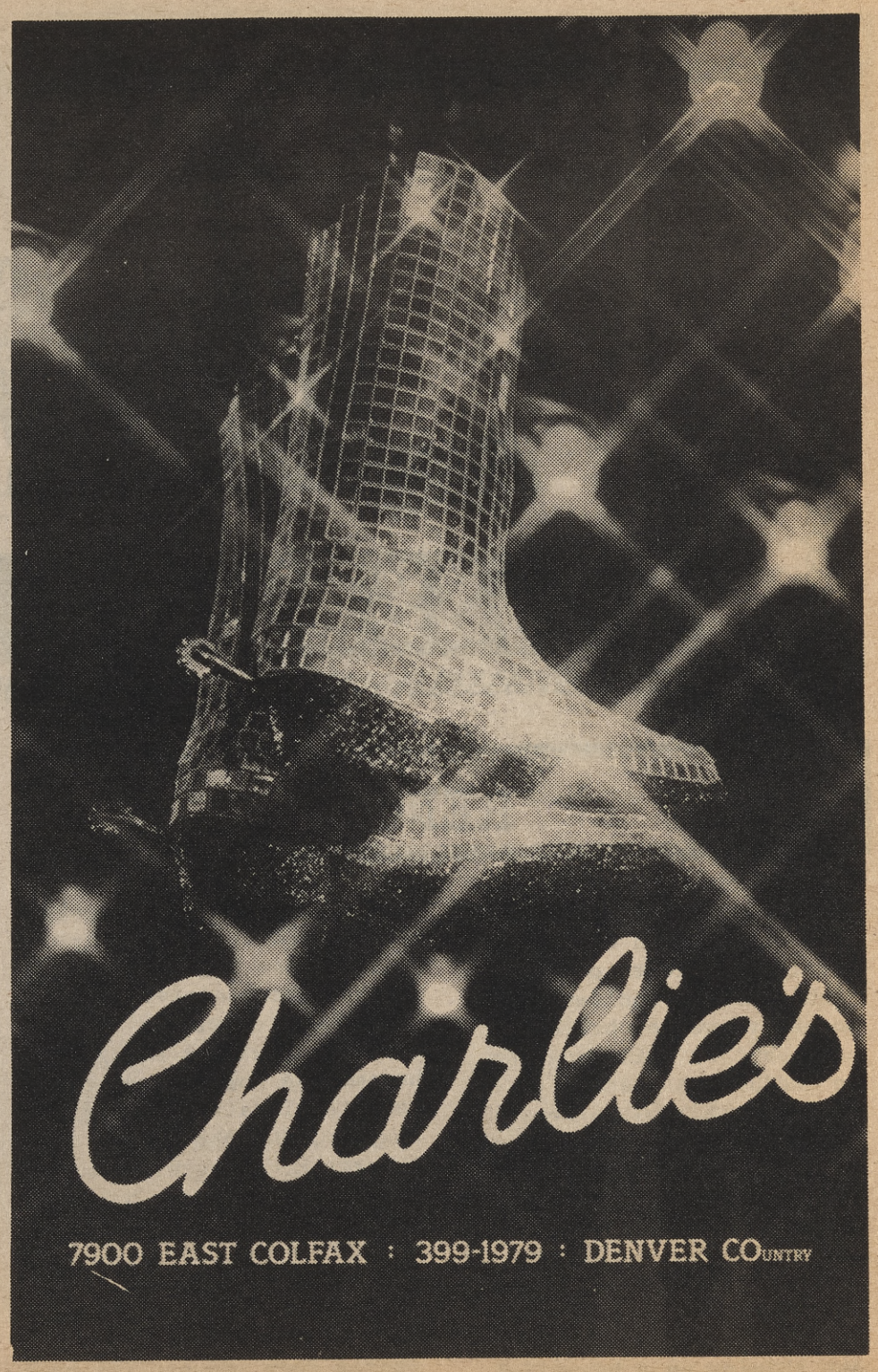

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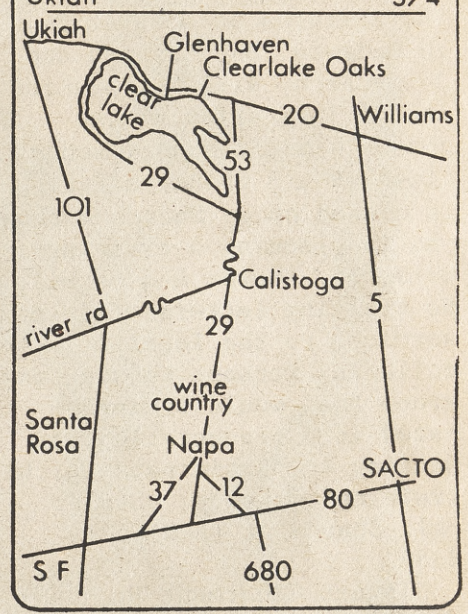

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DEC. 23-JAN. 3 CHRISTMAS & NEW YEARS
We will be celebrating these two holidays, and you are invited to join us. More details in the next issue.

LAKE COUNTY NEWS & VIEWS

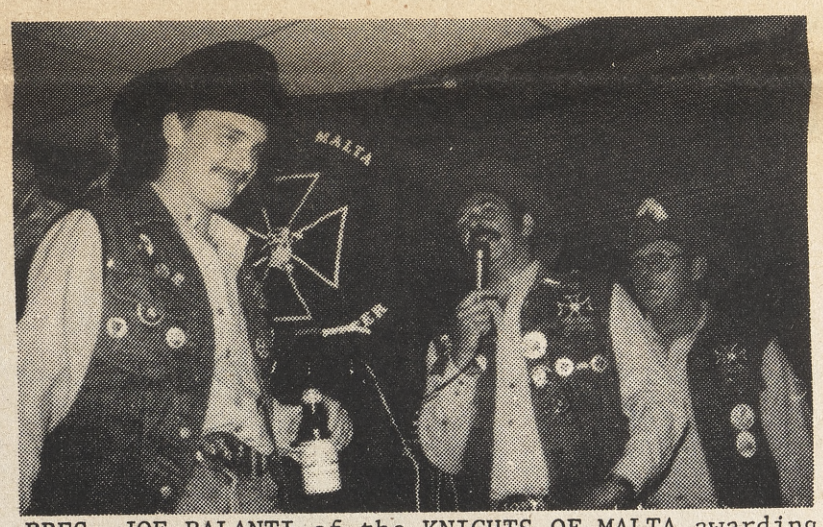
Sept. was filled with fun and many exciting things. THANK YOU KNIGHTS OF MALTA, for having your 8th Anniversary dinner at the CABARET. Pres. Joe Palanti and his staff held a presentation ceremony at which a plaque was given to the CABARET. It is there for all to see again. The Silver Barons M. C. group was also represented.

LAKE COUNTY is on the move to be here for you and your friends on a year-round basis. CLEAR LAKE PRODUCTIONS (CLP) has been formed for your benefit to let you know what is going on in LAKE COUNTY. You can write CLP in care of Box 11, Glenhaven, CA 95443.

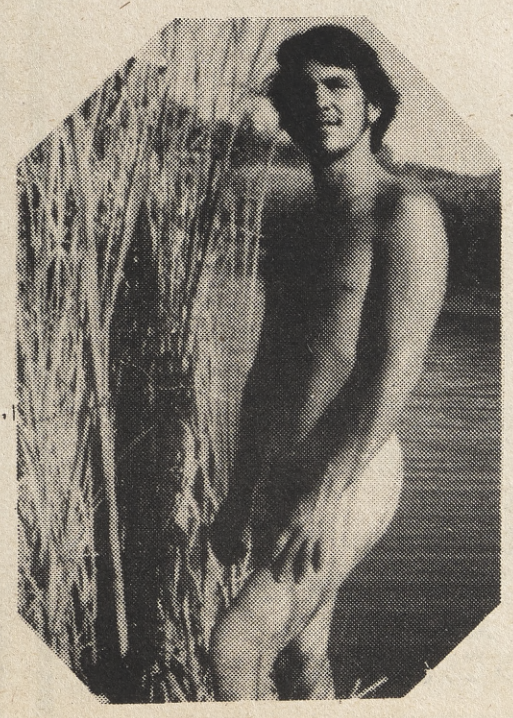
The VIRGO birthday party was held at the CABARET on the 17th of September. A good time was had by all. Hats off to the good people at the SUNSET POINT RESORT and STARLIGHT RESORT for their joint efforts on the Labor Day Weekend. The DIABLO VALLEY M.C.C. had an outstanding visit to CLEAR LAKE. We wish them the best and hope to see them again. Halloween is on the way and everyone is getting ready for it. The theme at the CABARET is going to be "THE CABARET" and prizes will be given for the best original costume. Many surprises are in store for that night. We've heard there are going to be some HOT MEN around. CLEAR LAKE does seem to bring them out.

If you need a space to park your R.V., SUNSET POINT and THE 20 OAKS have spots and whatever assistance is needed.

Jan, of the "J's" SMORGASBORD in Lucerne, welcomes everyone when in CLEAR LAKE. DAVID NELSON will soon be serving men's and women's hair needs at the MT. VIEW MARKET & DELI. 'Twill be called "DAVID'S" Everyone is wishing him the best of luck. Watch for the grand opening. Another David (at right) has enjoyed the natural resources of LAKE COUNTY for the past ten years.



PRES. JOE PALANTI of the KNIGHTS OF MALTA awarding plaque to Scotty at the CABARET



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APOLOGY

The staff of the PATLAR GAZETTE wishes to apologize to the gay merchants of Clear Lake for not including specific information about the Catfish Derby in the September Cabaret advertisement.

MODESTO

The Stanislaus Gay Alliance (SGA) is a support group for area gays and friends of gays. Everyone interested is invited to become involved in SGA. The SGA may be contacted by writing to P.O. Box 5163, Modesto, CA 95352, or by telephoning (209) 577-6816.

The SGA Speakers Bureau will begin the fall schedule by addressing The Church of the Brethren on October 24 in Modesto. Bob Eastman and Jo McCarthy will be speaking at the invitation of the church's adult Sunday school class. SGA'S Speakers Bureau is headed up by Sharon Morrow, who is planning a training workshop. Sharon and Jo will be drafting letters offering services to the local colleges. Persons knowing any group that would be interested in a presentation, or wanting to participate in the training workshop, should call Sharon at (209) 634-8350.

Incest Treatment Program: Help for adults molested as children and sexually abused children and their families. Phone (209) 575-7113.

ON-GOING EVENTS

Sun 6:00 AM Radio Program on KSAN 95 FM.

10:00 AM Metropolitan Community Church, 800 E. Morris, Auditorium, Modesto.

Tues 7:00 PM 1st & 3rd Tuesdays--celebration for gays and friends of gays. Call Father Richard Forti at (209) 634-5432 for details and location.

OCTOBER

22 FRI SGA SINGLES POTLUCK at Kim's, 7:30 PM. If you're unattached, bring something to share for dinner.

24 SUN SGA meeting at the Cafe Decadence at 4:30 PM. A New Year's Dance will be planned.

25 MON General Owl Court meeting at 800 E. Morris, 7:30 PM. All meetings are held in the Auditorium.

31 SUN This is Halloween. Will SGA be having a get-together? Call our Activities Chairperson, Dan Lowe at (209) 526-3599 to find out.

REYES FOR EMPEROR

NOVEMBER

12 FRI OWL COURT AWARDS BUFFET, 7:30 PM, Knights of Columbus 4342 Dale Rd., Modesto.

13 SAT OWL COURT CORONATION Doors open at 6:00 PM, Elks Lodge, Modesto.

14 SUN OWL COURT VICTORY BRUNCH, 11:00 AM--2:00 PM, to be arranged.

On Saturday October 2, Reyes announced his candidacy for Emperor of the Stanislaus Owl Empire. Before a full house at the Mustang Club, he appeared with the rest of the candidates. This is the second time Reyes has sought this office.

Reyes has been active in the Owl Empire for two years now. This year he served as a member of the Board of Directors and chaired the Community Awareness Committee. Reyes has pledged to continue to work for unity in the community. Reyes has clairified his position on raising funds for charity, stating that he wants to put a greater emphasis on directing funds to provide services for the local gay community. Representing the Stanislaus Owl Empire this last year, Reyes has traveled over 2,500 miles statewide and has vowed to do the same, if not more, for the coming year.

There will be six weeks of campaigning with fund-raisers and shows on the calendar. It will all conclude with elections and the coronation on Nov. 13 at the Elks Lodge in Modesto.

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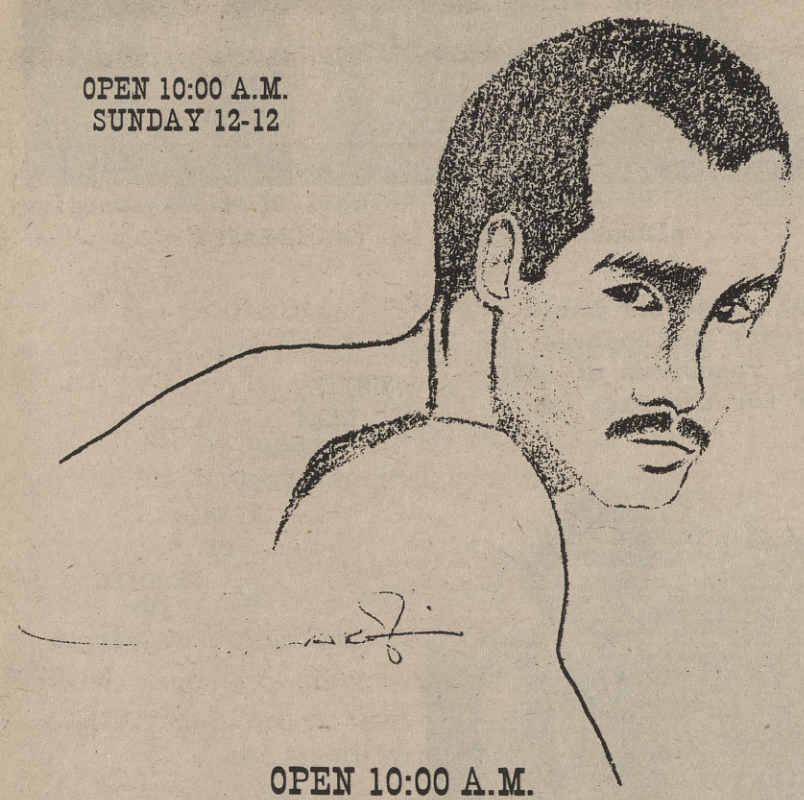

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Diablo Valley M.C.C. has formed a library for the gay community. Books and shelves are still needed. People wanting to contribute may contact the church.

ON-GOING EVENTS

SUN 5:30 PM DVMCC services. Conducted at 1924 Trinity Ave., Walnut Creek.

TUE 7:45 PM "Prayer and Christian Awareness," DVMCC Center, 1818 Colfax St. Concord.

WED 8:00 PM Mid-week Services, DVMCC Center, 1818 Colfax St. Concord.

FRI 7:30 PM Rap Group DVMCC Center, 1818 Colfax St. Concord.

8:00 PM Valley Community AA (A special outreach to the gay alcoholic). Sunrise House, 2898 Concord Blvd., Concord.

For more information about DVMCC events, write or phone: 1818 Colfax St. Concord, CA (415) 827-2960.

Man Two Man is forming a branch in Contra Costa County. The club is another way for men to meet and make friends.

The club was formed in Sacramento about a year ago. Its members have gone river rafting and gold panning. They meet frequently for socials, potluck dinners and video movies.

The new branch gives men the chance to strike up friendships locally and in nearby communities.

This month, a Halloween party is scheduled at the Hub in Walnut Creek. Doors open at 8:00, and there's a $100 prize for best costume. For information, call (415) 938-4550.

Any man who wants to join Man Two Man, or needs more information, should call (415) 439-1545 or (916) 391-9755.

NORTH BAY

Well, here we are, headed for another Halloween Party Season at Our Bar, and believe me, Vallejo is going to Jump! Starting with Thursday, October 28, 1982, G.G. and Sharon will appear in concert featuring TAZE, a well-known night club act. Rumor has it that they are putting together quite a surprise.

Friday, October 29, 1982 there will be a disco party followed by a 2:00 AM breakfast upstairs in the Blackeyed Pea, for $3.00. On Saturday, there will be our annual Masquerade Ball, with prizes for the best costumes, to the bump of the Disco Beat. At midnight, Saturday, Hors d'Oeuvres and champagne will be served. This night also is followed by the $3.00 breakfast in the Blackeyed Pea.

Sunday will be our usual brunch between 11:00 AM and 3:00 PM. A pool tournament will be held starting at 2:00 PM, with a $3.00 entry fee.

Ms. PAC-MAN Super Eight Playoff starts at 2:00 PM.

As usual, there will be no door cover for any of the events. So for a guaranteed good time for all, come on down to our Halloween Weekend Extravaganza.

Welcome back, bartender Ed, from your short leave of absence.

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THE CIRCUIT RIDER

By Gerry Wortman

There is a new contest at Bo Jay's--answer the question, "Who came first--the chicken or the hawk?" Prizes are being provided by concerned patrons. Entrants should submit answers to the concern of their choice. Successful entries should be kept private.

M.C.C. is building a Gay People's library. Books with a gay or feminist theme are needed. Contributions are tax-deductable, and you get the rich people's deduction: it's the current value, not the 55¢ you paid for your paperback back in 1960. They'll have an appraiser handy. You can call (916) 381-7670, write to P.O. Box 20125, Sacramento, CA 95820, or attend the regular services.

E. T. phone Valley Knights? The club's sixth annual show will be "Extra Terrestrial Christmas." They'll feature professional entertainment, a talent contest, and a costume contest. Performances should be scheduled with Ryder Crystall at 1-663-2255. The evening (December 11, Turn Verein Hall) benefits the Aquarian Effort.

The Squares are back! Every Tuesday at the Parking Lot, the Capitol City Squares meet for dancing fun and instruction. The group had taken a vacation after their enthusiastic reception at the Reno Rodeo.

The GAZETTE salutes Mom...Guess What! on their upcoming fourth birthday. Issue #48! We feel young.

Brother Jerry Falwell, of immortal memory, tripped down to Australia not too long ago. The Gay Solidarity Group of Sydney had previously registered the name "Moral Majority." They plastered Sydney's bumpers with the sticker "Moral Majority supports abortion on demand." Br. Falwell gagged with a spoon. Thanks to The Weekly News for tracking the inscrutible Falwell.

Express your selves at the GNIE Closet Ball '82 this October 30. T.I.M. Emporer and Empress IX Doug and Billy, whose performances always command attention, will host the gala, and 1'incroyable Imperatrice V de Reno, Jack-E, will emcee the event. For the contest, you show up as a male or female, present yourself to the audience, and then get one hour for a complete sex-change operation. Applications are in your favorite saloon. The details are: Door opens at 7:00, show at 7:30. Six dollar donation at the door, with prizes totaling $200. The door is at the Riverbend Country Club, 500 Douglas Boulevard, Broderick (West Sacramento area.)

Gays Under 21 has turned out to be a very active group. They're helping out SacPAC, attending ORCF functions, and meeting twice a month. Plans for a Thanksgiving dinner, a Christmas party, a San Francisco trip, and a snow trip are underway. For details, call Everett at Dragonlair Palace, 391-1362. This reporter's opinion: It's about time--Sacto needs this group. The group should be supported--but if you're over 21, wait for a request.

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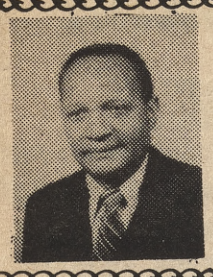

ERNIE BROWN

VIEWS FROM RIVER CITY

This last month has been a busy one. So many good things have happened. First, there was the FIRST ANNIVERSARY CELEBRATION at the Club 21, and what a celebration! Too bad they had to take down the decorations after the event. Jim Laidler, you "outdone" yourself on the food. One of the highlights of the evening was Duff Johnson's act, so professionally done. Duff, you've been holding out on us. The Whalin' Black Band did just that. The audio and visual effects were handled by Ken Sage's video & sounds place. Whether you sat or stood you could see everything that was going on. To the staff and management, congratulations for a job well done.

Two weeks later, another celebration, this time the Mercantile Saloon's FIFTH ANNIVERSARY. The bar was decorated in a carnival-like atmosphere. I've never seen so many old & new faces In one building, like old times. The day started out at 8 AM with a pajama party hosted by Randi & Marci. I have never seen in my entire homosexual career anything like it. You wouldn't believe some of the outrageous sleepwear they wore. Congratulations to Ray & his staff for another entertaining day.

The Wreck Room did it again. Their Nuts & Bolts Party outdid the first one.

Speaking of nuts, there are two couples around town who are loud, crass, vulgar, disrespectable, and downright rude. If they don't care for certain types of functions that some of the bars put on, fine, that's their perrogative. But they shouldn't try to disrupt those who do. There are various bars in Sacramento now, and I am sure that there is one that fits your fancy. The ironic thing about these couples are, individually they are dormant, but together they are lethal. The only kind of bolt that applies to these nuts are the ones that you bolt the door with when they leave. Hopefully you know who you are and make some kind of an adjustment. For the better. I am sorry to go off on this, but it's been bugging me for a long time. Remember, the word is: R-E-S-P-E-C-T, for yourself and for other people around you. It's very easy. Try it!!! Now I've said it, and I'm glad.

Something different is coming up for you at the Club 21, Saturday night October 30. They are having their "Halloween '82" (The Red Party.) Sacramento's first scream party. Best theme costume contest. Halloween treats Haunting music. Special drinks. Hors d'oeuvres. Surprises. Club 21 is now serving Sunday brunches starting at 11 AM. One of our old-time chefs. Jim Laidler, is in charge. Check it out.

Speaking of old-time chefs, Bob Farrell at the Broadway Ltd. is still turning out some wonderful dishes every Wednesdsy night from five to nine PM. Beginning Sunday, October 10 the Broadway Ltd. will be serving Sunday brunches starting at 11 AM. Steak and eggs $4.95, and any type of omelette you want for only $3.95. You can't beat that. So there's no reason why you have to go hungry again on Sundays. If you want these dining rooms to stay open, get out and support them. It's all up to you.

Coming up at Bojangles, a Halloween Hoopla. The grand prize for the best costume is a trip to Hawaii. Terry Sidee, sure hope your Birthday was a blast. Happy Belated Birthday.

Do you know Daave, the new manager at The Parking Lot? Well you should. She is a neat lady and is doing some wonderful things for The Parking Lot. For Halloween she plans to have a live band, The Cornerstone, prizes for costumes, and special drinks. There are a lot of other things going on at The Parking Lot. Happy hours, drink discounts. So go out and meet Daave. Relax, enjoy the two bars that are there to serve you.

Rita, (Diamond Butterfly), I am hearing nothing but real good things about your bar. You sound like my kind of lady. Sorry I haven't been out to meet you. But I will before the next issue of PATLAR GAZETTE. For you who do not know, the Diamond Butterfly used to be Jason's Pub. It's located at 10089 Folsom Boulevard in Rancho Cordova. On Halloween they will have snacks, plus prizes for best costumes. Congratulations on your new adventure.

OK all you Libras, get ready! The Power Plant is going to throw a party, October 21. Also, on October 24, they are having a 'Mother-In-Law Tea Dance, whatever that is. Sounds like fun. The Power Plant is having a Hookers' Ball for Halloween. All the bartenders will be dressed as ladies of the evening. Are you ready?

Anna Marie's, the women are still heralding your success. Keep up the good work.

Jesse, you devil you. Yes, good buddies, he is doing it again! This time he is throwing the first annual PATLAR GAZETTE FUNDRAISER COSTUME BALL. Saturday, October 23, 1982, starting at 7:30 PM at the Club 21, entertainment by Chuck Thornly, Duke of Sacramento. There will be prizes, hors d'oeuvres, and an auction. Three dollars donation. Tickets available at the door. Don't miss this event. If you have ever been to any of Jesse's affairs, you know he is a winner.

Doug (Parking Lot), good to see you up and about the other night. Take it easy. Walter (Mercantile), sorry to hear about your incident. Sure glad you came out of it alright. Randella (Merc), do I hear wedding bells? Hope you still have that plaid wash and wear wedding gown. Tony (Club 21), you are one helluva bartender. Ron & Karl, thank you so much for supplying half of Sacramento with fresh fruits & vegetables all summer. Sure going to miss it. Are you planning a winter garden? Opal & John S., projection is not one of your weaker attributes. Tone it down. I can hear you. Right Anna? Marci (Merc), Randella is throwing dagger eyes. I think you know why. Lala (Broadway Ltd.), I didn't notice your wings the other night (Oct. 3), but you sure were flying. Monday morning landing must have been real tough. Oh the pain!

I'm off for my annual vacation to the east coast. By the time you read this, I should be in Philly, N. Y., or Montreal. I intend to have a good time. In my next article, I will share some of my haps and mishaps with you. See you when I get back. BYE--

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20 WED "WOMEN'S ONLY" rap. 7:00 PM, El Dorado Room, Union

24 SUN Women's basketball. 4:30 PM, William Land Park

25 MON "COMING OUT" rap. 4:30 PM, Miwok Room Herman at 381-8541

25 MON "OPEN DOOR" rap. 7:30 PM, Social Science 205

27 WED "WOMEN'S ONLY" rap. 7:00 PM, Science 248

29 FRI LGPU Halloween Pot Luck Party. 7:30 PM 682 W. 4th St. (Rio Linda) Call Rick at 991-2637 or Herman at 381-8541 for directions and information. Dancing, food, costumes

31 SUN Women's basketball, 4:30 PM William Land Park

For additional information call Herman at 381-8541.

LESBIAN/GAY LAWYERS

Lesbian and gay lawyers from the Sacramento area had an organizational meeting on Thursday, October 14, 1982. The group is open to all attorneys, law students, and legal professionals in the area.

Projects under consideration includes a challenge by State employees to medical insurance rules which discriminate against gay couples, support for gay prision inmate litigation, and the establishment of a despute resolution service for the gay community.

For additional information Dorothy Thompson may be contacted at (916) 442- 4642.

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21 THURS 6:00 PM Gay Volleyball Paul 447-1065

28 THURS 6:00 PM Gay Volleyball Paul 447-1065

NOVEMBER

2 TUES 7:00-9:00 PM General Election Gays Under 21 Club Everett 391-1362

4 THURS 6:00 PM Gay Volleyball Paul 447-1065

6 SAT 7:00 PM Potluck Frank 485-7960

8 MON 7:00 PM Family Council Frank 485-7960

11 THURS 6:00 PM Gay Volleyball Paul 447-1065

16 TUES 7:00 PM Gays Under 21 Club Everett 391-1362

18 THURS 6:00 PM Gay Volleyball Paul 447-1065

For additional information, call the telephone numbers listed above or write Our River City Family, P.O. Box 161857, Sacramento, CA 95816

GAY SOLDIER SUIT SUCCESSFUL

The U.S. District Court in Seattle recently ruled that a career soldier cannot be denied re-enlistment simply because he is gay.

Sergent Perry Watkins, who has been in the Army 14 years, was told he could not re-enlist because he was gay. The Army contended that homosexuality is sufficient cause to disqualify a person for re-enlistment.

Watkins is a personnel supervisor at Fort Lewis. His suit contended that his homosexuality did not impact his job performance. The court decision determined that Watkins is eligable to re-enlist for six more years.

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PEOPLE OF CO-LORE

By DeWitt Hoard

There is no paucity of literature depicting the black experience in America. One of the better-known quips is James Baldwin's metaphor, "To be born black in America is to be in constant rage. " W. E. Dubois, in The Souls of Black Folk, descants Baldwin's lamentation with the introduction of the divided-self concept. He writes:

"One ever feels his twoness --an American, a Negro; two souls, two thoughts, two unreconciled strivings; two warring ideals in one dark body, whose dogged strength alone keeps it from being torn asunder."

Adding the gay or lesbian dimension to Baldwin's and Dubois' descriptions transforms rage to outrage and expands the separation of the self beyond easy or affable reconciliation.

In order to understand this agony black lesbians and gays experience as they struggle with self definition, I offer a brief interpretation of the black mind-set--the community of origin. It is my contention that the black community can best be understood by focusing on its two most important institutions--the family and the church. Coincidentally, the two institutions whose exponents oppose homosexuality the most.

During slavery, black folk were seldom permitted to model their masters' styles of family life. Not only did they have different rituals; slave husband, wife, and offspring were separated at the discretion and behest of the "masser." In light of the many indignities suffered by blacks during this period, little distinguished them from the plantation animals except their often futile attempts to emulate family life in the "big house." Thus the family of permanence became the evidence of things seen and hoped for, but rarely obtainable. Today the black community continues to hold sacred the concept of the traditional family. Much of the black literature, popular and professional, focuses on the cardinal aspect of the family trilogy in order to have a sound community, economically and politically. An example of this thought is seen in the following statement by Dr. Alvin Pousaint, black psychiatrist, in August '82 issue of Black Family magazine. "There are certain kinds of problems which have palgued us for a long time. The divorce rate, single parent families--not that it's impossible for a single woman to raise a child,... single parent families are usually poverty stricken." Thus the traditional family for blacks has not only become the fundamental mix for ecomonic success, but part of the American Dream; a romance and marriage made in slavery yet to be consummated.

Integral to the concept of the family are the roles of woman, man, and child.

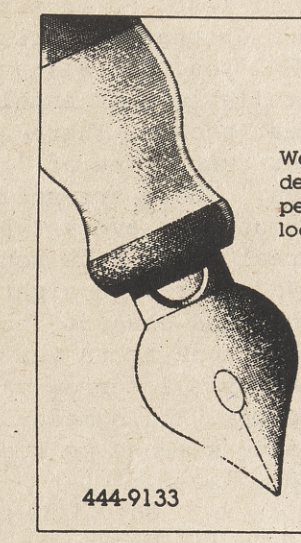
During slavery, black women learned skills that became marketable after emancipation. Her knowledge of cooking and mammying have kept her employability above the black man's to date. Unfortunately, the black man's skills succumbed with the fall of the agrarian South. Thus it was the woman who kept food on the table, as well as the table set, for her man whenever he appeared on the scene. She was to give birth to manchildren who would someday "avenge" the suffering of their ancestors. The woman was supposed to hold the family together while the man mended his slavery-ripped ego by gloating his ability to seed a "savior." Nevertheless, the black woman understood her man and dutifully assumed her responsibility to the spunky melody, "Ain't Nobody's Business If I Do."

...This great God,
Like a mammy bending over her baby,
Kneeled down in the dust
Toiling over a lump of clay
'Til He shaped it in His own image,
Then He blew the breath of life,
And man became a living soul.
Amen, Amen.
James Weldon Johnson

The church is where the black woman gathered her strength. It is the center of black life and a symbol of family permanence. The church is the mother-father bountiful, freed from the arbitrary shuttle by injudicious masters. The church has provided unflagging regard for the "homeless in another country." It is the pervasive provider of love, but not unconditionally. Since it functions as "a conserver of morals," pens Dubois, it has final authority on right and wrong, good and evil. In exchange for church support, the "children" or congregation are admonished to obey its rules. These rules, or code of ethics, provided unity for the black community as it sojourned through centuries of successive calamity and are still in effect to date.

So with the marriage of family and religion, the black manchild is obliged to lead his people to the "land of milk and honey." Somehow, if blacks can just be moral enough, righteous and devout enough, maintain their families intact...they will one day rid their ranks of social and economic disparity.

Next month, the black community's reaction to the "gay manchild" and "lesbian mother."



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Rita, by the way, isn't new to the business. She managed a full-liquor bar in Yuba City for more than five years, and tended bar for another three.

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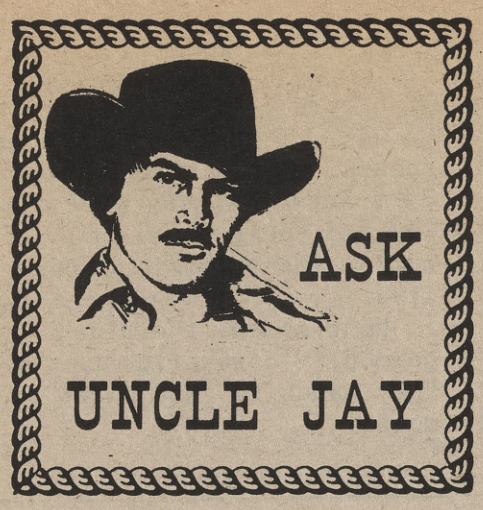

Dear Uncle Jay:

I am really glad that there is a person like you that a gay person such as myself can turn to for help and advice. Being gay is not easy as I'm sure you know. And I have been gay all of my twenty-two (22) years.

For many of those years, I lived in the hectic pace of San Francisco. But I yearned to meet somebody that was interested in settling down so we could make a life together for ourselves. I decided that it could never be in San Francisco.

So I returned to Sacramento a few months ago. Now I find I don't know all that many guys and absolutely nobody who wants to settle down. I'm getting desperate, Uncle Jay. Am I destined to be alone always? Please give me any and all suggestions you might have.

Sincerely,
Paul

Dear Paul:

Thanks for the vote of confidence. Being "gay" is not always easy, but neither is anything that brings pleasure to the body and the mind. Somehow each bit of self-satisfaction has its price. You eat too much, you get fat; you drink too much, you suffer; you play too hard, you get run down; etc. So consider your problems with being gay as just a few more of life's routine struggles. To find a lover, I would suggest that you keep off the screamy, silly, socialite circuit. Always present yourself in the way you admire someone else. You have to sell yourself 'as is' so a relationship will last. So be sure from now on that you present the REAL you. Use all avenues available that enable you to meet people. There are bars for every type of 'real you.' There are social groups for every type of 'real you.' Pace yourself and never lose sight of the word and concept "honesty." If no one takes you today 'as is', tomorrow may be better. And someday you'll value someone as real as you, 'as-is.'

Good Luck,
Uncle Jay

POLICY: It is the policy of this columnist to answer letters only through this column. Those of you who write in for personal correspondence (i.e. counseling service), I always refer to a Social Service Agency in your area. Generally, those services are free or available on a sliding scale.

REAL ESTATE

By Curt Mackey

Very likely in the next few weeks you will see the interest rates continue to decline. The prime rate has dropped to its lowest in 18 months; the Federal Reserve has lowered its discount rate to 9.5%, the lowest in nearly four years; and the FHA-VA loans are now at 13½%. All these factors auger well for the buyer and seller who have become stymied for the past couple of years by 16%-and-above home loans. Things look better.

Lest we be too quick to lift our glasses in cheer and say the "worst is over," I would like to point out a few salient facts. We are getting very close to elections, and we all know what effect that has on the party in power. They begin putting the arm on all the government financial institutions in an 11th-hour attempt to make it look like their efforts of the past two years have had some positive effect. In essence, they will use these figures to try to fool us into voting for them again.

One of my friends in the loan business recently told me that it takes about 4-6 weeks to process an FHA or VA loan. "Suppose," he said, "you filed an application for one of these loans today. By the time that the loan is ready to fund, the rates could be back up to 14½ or 15 percent. It would blow the buyer and the seller out of the water."

Now, I hate to sound cynical, but in five years of selling real estate, I've seen the government play politics with interest rates enough times to know the truth inherent in my friend's little scenario. It's dirty, it's mean, and it hurts; but it's been done before and it's probably being done right now.

However, despite this line of reasoning, I would still advise a client in the market for a mid-priced home to look seriously at what FHA is offering. Their loans are fixed-rate, 30-year loans and are fully assumable when you go to sell the house. The maximum loan in the Sacramento area for a single family house is $84,000. These are great loans for folks who need to get out from under huge balloon payments. I would also advise anyone considering using FHA to do so quickly because rates are volatile and to reverse an old maxim--what goes down must always come up.

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WANDA THE GARDENER

By Wanda Martin

Plants have certain environmental needs, which must be satisfied if they are to live to their fullest. In other words, certain climatic conditions (such as humidity, light, cold, heat, and watering) all have an effect on the condition of the plant. Many environmental factors can resemble fungal or bacterial problems, when, in fact, they can be the result of an unawareness of the plant's special needs.

Each and every plant, whether an indoor or an out-of-door variety has specific care requirements. Before you invest your time and money, inquire about the specific needs of the plant. That orchid may look fantastic in the greenhouse, but where will you put it at home? Unless you can provide the proper humidity and/or temperature, many varieties will perish. You have just wasted a lot of money.

The following is a list of some environmental problems a plant may suffer; these are not to be confused with nutritional or disease infestations.

If your plant has:

1. NICE COLOR BUT SPINDLY NEW GROWTH--this can be a result of insufficient light.

2. LOSS OF LEAF COLOR--dark green veins with yellowing in between may indicate iron deficiency.

3. WILTED FOLIAGE--underwatering or too much water.

4. BROWN MARGINS ON LEAVES--result of overfertilization or low humidity.

5. A HEALTHY LEAF WITH BROWN TIPS--caused by cold injury (do not let plant leaves touch windows).

6. SHOCK AND RESULTING LEAF DROP--usually occurs on oldest lower leaves first, caused by sudden changes in the environment. (Ficus B.--weeping fig for instance, cannot tolerate moves from one location to another.)

7. LOWER LEAVES TURN LIGHT GREEN AND THEN YELLOW AND DROP--usually from lack of nitrogen or from overwatering.

8. SUN SCORCH--bleached or scorched spots on leaves facing light. (Strong sunlight through a window can burn leaves.)

Again, the above is only a thumbnail description of some first-hand observances. Believing you do not have any major disease problems, alteration of the above-mentioned conditions may improve the health of your plant. For example, giving your tall and spindley plant more light may hasten fuller growth.

QUESTION AND ANSWER TIME WITH WANDA

Dear Wanda,
Are wood ashes good for plants? I have a fireplace full.

Thanks,
Don

Dear Don,
Yes, if the soil is acid, because they contain potash and lime. Use at a rate of 4-5 oz. per square yard. If the plant soil is neutral, the ashes might make it too alkaline. Always be sure before adding any soil amendments. Find out what type of soil you have, acid or alkaline. This is important because many plants prefer either one or the other. Many nurseries can provide you with a simple soil analysis.

Yours truly,
Wanda

If readers have questions, they may write to Wanda, c/o this newspaper.

HOROSCOPES

By Dr. Pat Larr

SCORPIO (Oct 23-Nov 22)--Another birthday? Don't worry about getting more wrinkles. A pinch to grow an inch will get that blood pumping again. And a good spanking (one good spank for every year of age) will bring back that rosy-cheeked glow. Beware of Aries.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov 23-Dec 21)--Mercury retrograde means it's time to simplify your love life and your finances. Prepare a simple meal for that special someone. All you really need is wine, weenies, and buns to do the trick.

CAPRICORN (Dec 22-Jan 20)--Your work situation is about to improve immensely. Someone associated with your job will make his interest in you known. Yes, it's another case of hot pants in high places. Don't be too obvious, this person may be younger than you.

AQUARIUS (Jan 21-Feb 18)--Joint ventures have you riding the high road to romance, but don't delude yourself, things don't always go better with Coke. Sixty-nine is your number for the next few weeks, but then almost any number will be yours, you devil.

PISCES (Feb 19-Mar 20)--A painful time ahead for poor Pisces. Venus enters Uranus on the 31st, so you're bound to be screwed up for the first of the month. At least you get a lot of experience under your belt. Be sure to wear a red hankie.

ARIES (Mar 21-April 19)--Watch out! Mars moves into your house of Travel on the 21st. Don't drive or operate heavy Nautilus Machinery. Don't even get out of bed, but then, with the hunk you'll pick up the night before, you won't want to.

TAURUS (Apr 20-May 20)--Professional projects involving the same sex are highlighted during the next two weeks. A blonde Virgo finds you irresistably attractive, but don't let anyone touch that big bundle of yours until the first of the month.

GEMINI (May 21-June 20)--On the 23rd you get a firm grasp on a limp situation and come to a quick solution to a sticky problem. Wear that orange handkerchief in the right rear pocket on the 4th and heads will turn.

CANCER (June 21-July 20)--This should be an interesting month, moonkid. Pluto enters your House of Romance on the 1st and so things may get a little Goofy on the 3rd. And that Minnie affair on the 5th may prove to be Mickey Mouse. Don't Tinker with that Belle on the 7th.

LEO (July 21-Aug 22)--Venus dallies with Neptune on the 26th. Too bad it's too cold to go skinny dipping, but you may find love in a hot tub. Someone criminally captivating could tap into your often repressed sexuality. Go for it!

VIRGO (Aug 23-Sept 22)--Cosmic matchmakers are at work on you this month. You're in for a cycle of pleasure, luck, and affection, but don't pedal too fast. Mr. Right may be right behind the next door, so take that avocado out of your pants and relax.

LIBRA (Sept 23-Oct 22)--Money matters sizzle this month. Interest in your body accrues. Everyone wants to see your prime rate rise, so forget the finance charge and go for broke.

MANNERS

By Mr. Ed E. Kett

Dear Mr. Kett: My lover and I often give dinner parties. Occasionally, we have a problem getting our guests to leave. What is the proper way to inform our guests that they were invited to a dinner party, and not a slumber party? Thank you, Lionel.

Dear Lionel: First of all, both of you must work as a unit. If one of you toddles off to bed in the hopes that your guest(s) may get the idea, you may be leaving the remaining person defenseless (or, to have all the fun, depending on how you look at it.) A social white lie seems to work best in these situations. Stand up, and as you both escort your guest(s) to the door, say words to the effect of, "Well, it's been a pleasure having you, but Ernest has to get up early for work (or a job interview, or to do some chores for his parents.) It was a pleasure having you." It's best to have a believable excuse worked out in advance in case of emergency. Whatever you do, don't get into your pajamas. Your guests may want to get into your pajamas, too. Sincerely, Edward Endicott Kett.

Dear Mr. Kett: I'm twenty-six, single, and often find myself at dinner parties where I'm attracted to the host's lover, but not the host (who invited me.) Would it be proper to start an affair with the host's lover? Yours truly, Clive.

Dear Clive: If you're asking if it's proper to go from soup to nuts at a dinner party, the answer is no. No one likes a homewrecker. If you're a guest in someone's home and start an illicit affair with the host's lover, you're apt to lose the friendship of the host, plus risk the ire of the social set you travel in. If, on the other hand, you find yourself alone with the host and his lover after the other guests have bid adieu and they both break out the poppers, I'll give you three guesses who's for dessert.
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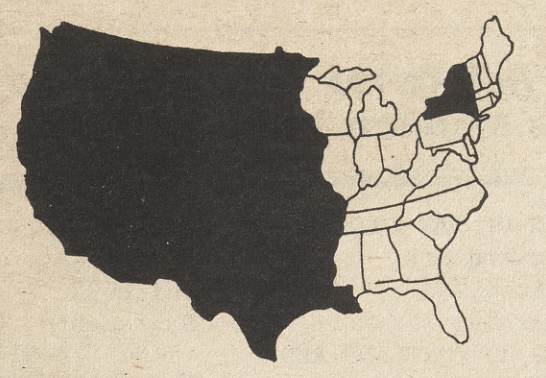

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Third, court jurisdiction is limited and subject to appeal. Each court speaks for itself and the judges under its control. No matter how noble a decision may be, it repeals neither the law nor the attitude that brought the law into existence--it merely makes them unenforceable in court for the time being. That's not splitting hairs--it frequently means a batch of long, and expensive, court battles.

Political pressure is being brought by the gay community as well. Philedelphia has just passed an ordinance guaranteeing civil rights to gays in employment, housing, and public accommodations. Mayor Jane Byrne of Chicago and D.A. Richard Daley are courting the gay vote in the race to be that city's mayor. Even Brunceton, MO, pop. 914, has elected an openly gay mayor.

In Sacramento, interest has centered on Robbie Waters for Sheriff. His opponent, the incumbent Duane Lowe, has refused to hire gay deputies, or to talk to the gay community. Lowe, a Democrat, was called an embarrassment by the County Democratic Central Committee Chair, Gary Miller.

Waters, by contrast, campaigns on his professionalism. He doesn't promise to recruit gays, or any other minority, but he does promise to end discrimination. He prefers to emphasize greater efficiency.

Support for Waters has taken various forms. He's been escorted through gay bars, funds have been raised, and most of Sacramento's gay press has endorsed him. Lavender Heights, the heavily gay area of Sacramento, produced landslide returns in his favor in the June primary.

At the national level, the Gay Rights National Lobby (GRNL) has been admitted to the Leadership Conference on Civil Rights. The Conference includes such diverse groups as the National Organization of Women (NOW), the AFL-CIO, and the U.S. Catholic Conference. GRNL lobbies one-to-one with the U.S. Senators and Representatives on issues that matter to the gay community.

A recent success of GRNL was the Family Protection Act (FPA). Originally, it would have prohibited federal payments to any group or individual who "presents homosexuality as an acceptable lifestyle"--and that includes Social Security. After a storm of protest, the law has been redrafted to eliminate the threat to individuals and is given small chance of passage this year.

An allied organization, the Human Rights Campaign Fund, is funding campaigns of sympathetic candidates. Successful recipiants include Howard Berman and Jerry Brown of California and John Bryant and Ron Coleman of Texas.

However, no one could suggest that the summer has been an unmitigated triumph. Phillie's ordinance has no enforcement clause. Brunceton's neighbor Columbia, MO (a good sized town), turned down a similar measure entirely. Even if the FPA is stalled, Congress hasn't rejected it, nor has it passed the gay rights bill.

A passel of problems plagues the organizers of the gay vote. Homophobia remains a problem, the community isn't organized, and it defies attempts to be organized.

Discrimination against gays is nothing new. A recent, and violent, example: A Bakersfield basher picked a fight with two gays (he rammed their truck) and then shot and killed them; one victim was shot four times while crawling away. The man was convicted of involuntary manslaughter.

Attitudes are hardening against gays as well. A recent poll of UCLA students showed a rising percentage (nearly half) in favor of stricter laws against gay sex. The Moral Majority continues to mobilize against gays, both with voter registration and with campaign contributions.

Gays are, of course, normal people, and are a cross section of the public. They do not vote in a bloc. Br. Jerry Falwell, of Moral Majority fame, can, and does, tell a Senator, "I have 3 million votes and a bundle of bucks. Here's how they'll vote unless you oppose abortion." GRNL can't say the same. They represent 10% or so of the nation, but a large part of the constituency is in the closet, and relatively few vote in single-issue politics.

On top of all that, the community displays an unsual ability to bicker. The gay lifestyle, if there is one, is not about politics. Gays are no more likely to have political lives than straights. It's easy to become a big fish in a little pond, and therefore, have personality conflicts--add to that those who are, or are NOT, into leather, or bars, or opera, or nuns--squabbles over the fantasies, or the symbols, or the language are incredible.

The polls will open November 2, and gays will have the chance to express themselves. The effect of that expression remains to be seen.

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ing-would-be oppressors are open enough for us to vote against them. They also infuriate potential protectors of individual rights and personal freedoms who are now beginning to stand up to the affront of legislating "morality." These individuals are also running for office.

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